

# **NAUVOO LEGION 1841-1844**

**3 Feburary 1841 to June 1844**

**March April May 1849**

**Fall 1870-1871**

Alexander, Henry Samuel

Sessions, Richard

Thomas, Charles Carter

Shirts (Schurtz), Peter

Alvah was 13 years old when the Prophet as married. He went with his father to meet the body of Joseph Smith when it was taken from Carthage.

Alvah came to Utah with his parents in October, 1852, in the Captain Harmon Cutler company.

Elizabeth "Betsy Kincade" Soule Alexander was born February 6, 1834 at Dexter, Maine, daughter of Solomon and Lydia Messee Soule.

In 1853 her family left for the gold rush in California.

In the fall of 1853 with an independent company of emigrants they arrived in Utah so late to continue their journey. They settled down to spend the winter in East Mill Creek, Salt Lake County, Utah.

Miss Soule found a job with a Mr. Roberts as a glove maker. While in his employment she heard of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was convinced in her heart that it was true.

During the winter she met Alvah Jedathan Alexander and on March 13, 1854, she became his bride.

Her family left Utah for California in the spring which was a great heart ache for her. She never had the privilege of seeing any of them again except one brother. She was a splendid nurse and went day and night wherever she was needed.

In the year 1870, her family moved to Midway, where she became very active in the organizations of the church.

She has the distinction of being a descendant of George Soule who came to America in the famous "Mayflower" and planted his feet on the Plymouth Rock in 1620.

She died December 17, 1924, at the age of 90.

She and her husband were the parents of 11 children:

Mary Elizabeth Alexander, married James O'Neil

Phebe Alexander, married George Bonner

Alvah Alexander, married Dezzie Bonner

Adelbert Alexander, married Uliola Epperson

Ella Gertrude Alexander, married Robert Bell Ross

Frederic Soule Alexander, died when child

Ada DeAna Alexander, married Thomas Edmundston Bonner

Charles Edwin Alexander, married Lalla Ruth Springer

Henry LeRoi Alexander, married Susie Davis

Florence Mina Alexander, died when a child

Effie Mae Alexander, married Everice Bronson and Emile Nelson.

## HENRY MILES AND SARAH JANE ROSS ALEXANDER



Henry Miles Alexander was the first child of Henry Samuel Alexander and Sarah Miles. He was born at South Mill Creek, Salt Lake City, Utah, September 20, 1852.

In his early manhood he met his wife, Sarah Jane Ross from Provo. She was the daughter of James Ross and Susan Robey and was born January 7, 1858. They were married July 22, 1872, in the Endowment House.

This young couple's first home was in Midway, where they established a store business. Three of their children were born there.

Desiring to better themselves they moved to Heber, where the father took up the trade of a carpenter and painter. He built their home on main street where the Wasatch County Library now stands. Four more of their children were born here. He was a very studious and energetic man and always provided well for his family.

He was noted as an outstanding carpenter and builder and because of the quality of his work he was asked to go to Vernal to oversee carpenter work. He moved there with his family, and this happy union was blessed with five more children.

The good mother, besides caring for her eleven children, found time to care for the sick and was recognized as community seamstress. At the early age of thirty-eight she passed away at the birth of her twelfth child on April 1, 1896.

Sorrowful and heartbroken, the father left the care of the infant with his wife's

sister and moved with the eleven children back to Heber. He was a wonderful father, trying to maintain a home by cooking, sewing and keeping house for his family. This he accomplished after his days work. Six years later he passed away while visiting in Vernal on February 26, 1902.

Children of Henry Miles Alexander and Sarah Jane Ross:

Sarah Miles Alexander, married Ed Curtis

Minnie Maud Alexander, married Elbert J. Lyon

Henry Samuel Alexander, married May Wallace

Susan Lavernia Alexander, married Joseph S. Cummings

Mary Jane Alexander, married George Shelton

Florence Ione Alexander, married Jeremiah Hatch

Charles Sterling Alexander, married Beatrice Cunningham

James Jackson Alexander, married Mable Burns

Lelia May Alexander, married Sidney Epperson

J. Monroe Alexander, married Louise Ferrisa Cabral

George Albert Alexander, died in infancy

William Ray Alexander, married Sophie.

## HENRY S. ALEXANDER AND SARAH MILES ALEXANDER



Henry S. Alexander was the son of Alvah and Phoebe Houston. He was born July 12, 1823, in Washington County, Vermont.

H. S. Alexander was a convert to the Mormon Church and moved to Nauvoo and remained there until the exodus in 1846. He held the rank of corporal in the Nauvoo Legion.

From Nauvoo they moved to Council Bluffs. In 1848 H. S. Alexander came to

Utah with the freight train of Livingston and Kimball, arriving in Salt Lake in September, 1848. He lived there a year and he was sent to South Mill Creek by Brigham Young to build a sawmill and he sawed the first shingles to be made in Utah.

Later he was called on a colonization mission to Carson Valley, Nevada, in the early part of 1856. During the journey across the desert the party suffered a great deal from thirst. They were three days without water. They were about exhausted from this thirst and fatigue. Enoch Reese, who was in charge of the party, turned it over to Alexander. They met an Indian who made them understand where they could find water.

H. S. Alexander went to Lehi in 1857 and from there back to Mill Creek and again took charge of the sawmill. He later went to Wanship and built another sawmill on Silver Creek. He operated that until 1869. At this mill he sawed the timber for the railroad tunnel in Echo Canyon.

In 1869 the Alexander family moved to Midway. While they lived here three children were born.

Later they moved to Heber, and from 1870 to 1901 he was second counselor to President Abraham Hatch. He was a patriarch of the Church at the time of his death which was March 6, 1903.

H. S. Alexander married Sarah Miles July 23, 1850. To this union there were born ten children:

Henry Miles Alexander  
Sarah Heneretta  
Lelia Naomi  
William M.  
Lilly May  
Clara Prudence  
Kate Josephine  
James Monroe  
Orpha Luwella  
George Snyder  
Charles (by another marriage)

### JOHN GEORGE AND BARBARA BAUER

John George Bauer was born August 4, 1834, in Germany. He died in Salt Lake City, December 27, 1915, at the age of 81.

Barbara Bauer was born January 10, 1840, in Germany. She died November 5, 1929, at the age of 89 in Salt Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bauer joined The Church



of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Germany in 1887 and immediately began saving for the trip to America and Zion. They were the parents of 11 children, six of whom died in youth. Four of their five living children emigrated with them to Utah.

When they came to Utah they settled in Provo, living in an old adobe house owned by Professor Karl G. Maeser, who employed John as a gardener at Brigham Young University.

In the summer of 1889 they moved to Midway to keep house for Otto Harter. When he married in 1901 they moved into a home by the John Van Wagoner store, where they lived until 1912 when they moved to Salt Lake City to be near the temple. They continued in temple work until their deaths.

Their children who came to America included:

Margaret Hausman  
Magdalena Bauer Besendorfer  
Ester Gumbman and her husband Sixtus  
Christine Bauer Lindsay.

### JOHN JAMES BAUM



Mother of John James  
Baum

John James Baum was born November 18, 1844, in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, a son of John Christman and Hannah Christman Baum.

## HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

ler M., of Salt Lake City; Raf California; Wil-  
lle, V.oming; J. Stewart,  
Michigan; four daughters,  
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ogon; Miss Orvilla Ryan,  
alif.; Mrs. Dorthea Cox,  
and 20 grandchildren and  
E. R. Gibson, Salt Lake

## ALEXANDER SESSIONS

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After leaving Denmark, on their way to  
New York typhoid fever broke out among  
those on board and many adults and chil-  
dren were stricken. Little Marie died and  
was buried at sea.

The ship arrived at New York on June  
14, 1865. They left New York by ox team,  
reaching Utah July 20, 1865.

They left Wyoming on July 31, 1865,  
with Minor Atwood as captain of their  
party. This was an extremely hard part to  
the journey. They endured many hardships  
along the way and had many encounters  
with Indians.

Sometimes there was food and at those  
times when it was scarce it was rationed  
among the members of the party.

They arrived in Salt Lake the latter part  
of October and left immediately for Heber,  
with part of the original company of pio-  
neers from Sweden and New York.

They owned a little home in the northeast  
part of Heber and there she and her two  
daughters, Gertrude Christeen and Annie  
Catherine, spun wool, corded and wove cloth  
to make clothes for themselves and others.

Grandma Skog, an honest, upright and  
faithful person, was admired and respected  
by all who knew her.

She always was strong and healthy, and  
the more difficult the task she was asked  
to do, the better she enjoyed doing it. Noth-  
ing seemed to worry her. In later years she  
was always in a hurry, visiting back and  
forth among friends. She was always faith-  
ful to her children, her friends and her re-  
ligion.

Her older daughter, Gertrude Christeen,  
married Homer Fraughton, and Annie Cath-  
rin married Elisha Averett.

She had 14 grandchildren and eight great-  
great-grandchildren when she died.

She died when she was 94 years of age,  
at Heber, on May 14, 1912.

May she always be remembered among  
her Heber City friends as one of Heber's  
first pioneers.

## RICHARD SESSIONS

Richard Sessions, son of Saulmon Ses-

## HEBER BIOGRAPHIES

sions and Mary Hargraves of Logan Coun-  
ty and Wayne County, Illinois, was born  
April 12, 1799, in Logan County, Ken-  
tucky, coming to Utah in 1847.

He married Lucretia Haws at 1820 in  
White County, Illinois.

Their children: John, Sarah Ann, Rich-  
ard Jr., William Bradford, Daniel Alexan-  
der, Mary, Louisa, Eliza Jane, Malissa, Eme-  
line, Elizabeth and Hannah.

He was a Seventy and was counselor to  
Bishop Terry of Moaquito Creek, Iowa,  
second counselor to Bishops Fawsett and  
William Wall of Provo. He was a mem-  
ber of the Thirtieth Regiment, First Brigade,  
Illinois Mounted Volunteers, in the Il-  
linois Blackhawk Indian War. He was a  
farmer and stock raiser. He died in March,  
1879, in Heber, Utah.

## ADOLPHUS SESSIONS

Adolphus Sessions was a son of Daniel  
Alexander Sessions and Rachel Jeanette  
Baum.

Adolphus, always known as Tobe, was a  
twin. His brother's name was Adolph.

Tobe married Rachel Emma Hicken and  
they had two sons. She was the daughter  
of Thomas Hicken and Margaret Powell.  
They were married in July, 1892, at Heber,  
having two sons, Thomas and Charles.  
After his wife's death he married Mary  
Jeanette (Mae) Nelson on December 26,  
1900, daughter of Henry T. Nelson and  
Mary E. McMillin of Heber. Together  
they reared a large family, 13 children:  
Corridon, Chloe, Ella, Burnell, Agnes Lorna,  
Elvin, Phoebe LaVern, Erma Rose and  
Earl (twins), Vilda and Lizzie Deaun.

Mae was a wonderful wife to Tobe. She  
was born January 13, 1874, and they had  
many trials. She was always there to help  
in times of sickness in the neighborhood,  
being an angel of mercy.

They went to the LDS Temple in Salt  
Lake City and were married on May 16,  
1923, and had their children sealed to them.  
They lived in the same location all their  
married lives. Her husband died May 3,  
1938. He was a cattle man and farmer.

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ber 3, 1837. Died in 1880. No one knows where he was buried.

Margaret Cameron was born 1810 in Pennsylvania.

Peter was a special missionary to the Lamanites. He was an explorer and true pioneer. He was one of the leaders of the Nauvoo Legion. He helped to build the Nauvoo and Kirtland Temples. He was closely associated with Joseph Smith, Brigham Young and other leaders of the church. He was appointed by Brigham Young to locate different parts of the county suitable for settlement and agriculture pursuits.

He came to Utah in 1849 and settled in Parowan. A fort was built there in 1852 and named "Shirts Fort." In 1855 he and Rufus Allen assisted in surveying what is now Las Vegas. The surveying was done without instruments.

In 1857 he was appointed to work among the Indians. In 1859 he brought his family to Mill Creek and in 1860 they settled on the Upper Snake Creek in Provo Valley. Here he built a saw mill in order to get timber to build a road into the mountains. Part of the road up Snake Creek Canyon is still called "Shirts' Dugway."

He left Provo Valley in 1868 and settled about 35 miles east of Kanab. Here he built a grist mill. He later took his family to the Rio Virgin Country. He is said to have discovered Iron Mountain. In 1879 he assisted at "Hole In the Rock" helping to feed the starving emigrants.

He built many sawmills, gristmills, and salt mills.

Children of Peter and Margaret Cameron Shirts:

George Washington, married Elizabeth Barney;

King Darias;

Moroni, died in youth;

Don Carlos, married Mary Lee, later Elizabeth Barney;

## MIDWAY BIOGRAPHIES

Mrs. William McDonald (Sariah Jane) they had 20 children;

Mrs. William McDonald (Elizabeth Ann) they had 12 children.

## HYRUM SHELTON AND EMMALYN SULSER SHELTON



Hyrum Shelton, son of Stephen and Abigail Harris Shelton, was born March 10, 1848, at Mt. Pisgah, Iowa. He married Emmalyn Sulser November 6, 1879, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. Died November 3, 1901, in Midway.

Emmalyn Sulser Shelton, daughter of Casper and Katherine Steidler Sulser, was born December 18, 1856, Monticello, New York. Married Hyrum Shelton. Died December 29, 1930, Midway.

Hyrum came to Utah with his parents in the Captain Melvin Ross Ox Team Company in the year of 1848.

They located in Provo, later moving on a farm about three miles out of Provo, where Hyrum lived with his parents until Indians began taking their pigs and chickens and destroying their gardens. They then moved into Provo to fortify themselves with the other settlers in the fort until the Indian troubles were settled.

Hyrum's father, Stephen Shelton, died in 1853, at Provo. Hyrum's mother, Abigail, was left a widow with seven children to care for.

About the time when Hyrum was 14 years old, his mother moved into Provo Valley. She brought her children with her and settled in what was called the Lower Settlement. Hyrum and his brothers worked for the farmers, hauling hay, threshing and herding cows, to help care for their mother and the younger children.

When Indian troubles again started they moved into Fort Midway. Hyrum, by this

time, was old enough to be enrolled in an infantry company under Ira J. he continued to help protect the valley until the Indian depredations over.

Hyrum homesteaded 60 acres of the northern part of Midway. His brothers' help he built a log cabin with rooms and a large attic, where their mother, Abigail. She lived a number of years, and then she died.

Hyrum sold 10 acres of his home to Mr. Strong. Later, in 1887, Mr. Strong sold it to Mr. Andrew Luke where he established "Lukes Hot Pots Resort."

Hyrum was a farmer, a day laborer and a miner. He was a Black Hawk.

About the year 1899, in the fall, he was working at a prospect for white pines in the mountains near Midway. After the days work, and on his way home, his horse ran away and in turning over the canal bridge, the horse was crushing his leg so badly that it was amputated above the knee. He died a few years after his accident.

Emmalyn came to Utah with her father in Captain Joseph W. Young's company. She was five years old when they came to Utah. She was a part of the way. When she became old enough to walk, her two older sisters, Mary and Susanna took turns carrying her.

She remembered how after a while they would have to dry out the rawhide that had been carefully stretched over the wheels of their hand-carts with spokes so that they would not fall. The rawhide got wet it stretched and the spokes loosened.

Arriving in Salt Lake City after a long and trying journey, they settled in a log cabin. Later they moved to a frame house, living in what was known as the Lower Settlement.

After her marriage to Hyrum, she lived about one mile out of town to his log cabin where she lived the balance of her life except for four years when she moved from the cabin to a frame house.

She was the mother of eight children. Her husband, Hyrum, died when the child, Edith, was four years old. She left a widow with eight children to care for and rear. She had a small farm

his sons, Duke and Ralph. He is employed as a county building ap- for Lake County.

## MARY HORROCKS TAYLOR

Horrocks family is as old as his- self and will be remembered many tions to come. John Horrocks and wife, Ann Horrocks, with their two ers, Mary and Rachel, and one son, r, came from England to America and o Utah for the gospel's sake. It was t to leave friends, beloved ones and es, especially for John and Ann, for ad lost five dear babies in England.

Horrocks family were silk weavers de, having had three looms in their which was the weaver's shop. The eaving was directed by the silk mas- cause all work was done for the fac- under his supervision. John Horrocks very religious and was president of olton Branch many years.

ry, as one of the weavers, had woven silk dresses, but financial circum- ses never did permit her to purchase one ng to Utah.

Horrocks' home was headquarters e missionaries while in England. Mary, irl, would shine the Elders' shoes and their handkerchiefs, or do anything ey needed. These Elders were looked as angels by all real saints. This good mily home was always open to friends elative because they were kind and s made others happy.

ry Horrocks Taylor was born in Lank- England, on May 7, 1843. She was ughter of John and Ann Horrocks and ated with the family to Utah in June, They were five and one-half weeks on cean. The traveled to Utah in the ny of President Wixam's ox train, ere required to walk much of the way the plains. The Horrocks family d in Heber City on September 28, 1866. landing in Utah they were met by a Walker Taylor and his first wife. as a sister to John Horrocks.

ry Horrocks was married to Joseph er Taylor on June 15, 1869, and was ond wife. From this union there were daughters: Ann, Alice Taylor Bond (W. H. Bond) and Rachel Ann Tay- Mrs. J. W. Giles).

Joseph Walker Taylor died in Septem- ber, 1874, while they were living in Santa- quin. After he had been buried in Santa- quin, Mary moved back to Heber City.

In 1876, Mary was married to Mr. Wil- liam Cook and to them one daughter was born. Her name is Mary Elizabeth Tay- lor, now Mrs. W. A. Eastwood.

Mary and William Cook did not live together long and this left Mary a widow to care for the little children as before. At this time she did sewing and waited on the sick, and returned to weaving. But this time it was carpets and rugs instead of silk. Almost every home in Wasatch County has been adorned with these rugs and carpets.

Mary Taylor had a sweet musical voice and for many years was stake and ward chorister in the Relief Society. She loved music and joined her friends on many oc- casions to make others happy with music and song.

Some of her friends have said of her: "Mary was an honest and upright and hon- orable woman, and God was pleased with her work on earth." She learned and gave beautiful poems before her friends and as- sociates. One she taught to her grandchil- dren follows:

Whene'er I take my walk abroad,  
How many poor I see;  
What can I render to my God  
For all His gifts to me?

These thoughts seemed uppermost in her mind: rendering service to her Master for His goodness and mercies to her. She was of a very cheerful and pleasant disposi- tion, always singing at her work. She was very neat and clean about her person as well as in her home.

One night she had to stay up late in or- der to finish a carpet she had promised. That very day an Indian had called and wanted to stay at their home overnight. This frightened Mary and her children, but it did not keep her from staying up and fin- ishing that promised carpet. She covered the windows with quilts and stayed at her work until after, midnight.

Mary had many of these hardships of work and toil. She would carry sagebrush on her back to keep the home fires burn- ing and banged the loom from morning until night only to praise God for His tender mercies.

She enjoyed the best of health until five or six years prior to her death and was confined to her bed for only 10 days.

She died in Heber City on August 16, 1916. Funeral services were held in the Stake House. Many good things were said of her. "A Perfect Day" was one of the songs sung, and it was said to be very ap- propriate. A large crowd followed the re- mains to the cemetery.

Mary was the mother of four children, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchil- dren.

## CHARLES C. AND EMILINE SESSIONS THOMAS

Charles Carter Thomas was born Sep- tember 16, 1839, son of Charles Thomas and Elizabeth Carter, and died January 21, 1919.

He married Emiline Sessions on Decem- ber 25, 1860, at Heber. She was the daugh- ter of Richard and Lucretia Haws Sessions and was born May 1, 1840, at Wayne County, Illinois. She died October 6, 1906.

Emeline Sessions Thomas was one of the oldest residents of Heber, having come here with her parents in 1859. She was among the very first to settle in this peaceful lit- tle valley, nestled among the hills of the lofty Wasatch mountains. She was then a maiden of 19 years.

The next year, on Christmas Day (Dec. 25, 1860), she was married to Charles C. Thomas by Thomas Rasband. This was the first wedding solemnized in this county.

She was born on May 1, 1840, in Wayne County, Illinois, crossing the plains in 1850 in James Pace's company, with her mother and seven brothers and sisters. Her father and brother, John and Bradford Sessions, were members of the Mormon Battalion, which on July 20, 1846, bade farewell to their families and friends at Mount Pisgah, to make that long tramp across the western desert to California.

Mr. Thomas came to Utah on Septem- ber 9, 1852, in Bryant Jolley's company. He was a member of the Nauvoo Legion, and took part in the Echo Canyon trouble and was an Indian war veteran.

Children of Charles C. Thomas: Charles Richard, William Jacob, Elizabeth Lucre- tia (Mrs. George Milton Pace), John Alex-

ander, Heben Louisa (Mrs. George Henry Prescott), James Earleton, Ada Emiline, George Bradford and Eliza Melissa (Mrs. Ira Pierson).

### JOSEPH THOMAS AND MARGARET WATSON THOMAS

Joseph Thomas was the son of Charles and Elizabeth Carter Thomas, converts to the Church in their homeland of Herford County, England. They came to the United States on the ship "Sheffield" and made their home in Nauvoo from 1841 until the mob drove the saints out. They then settled in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where Joseph was born November 12, 1846.

They crossed the plains in the Briant Jolley company, arriving in Salt Lake September, 1852, where his father was a blacksmith.

When Heber valley was settled, in 1859, Joseph's older brothers, Elisha and Charles, were among the first to settle there. Soon he came to join them. When the Blackhawk War broke out he joined the Cavalry company, with William Wall as captain, and took supplies to the Indians on the Duchesne when our people were trying to make peace, being gone eight days on the trip.

On January 7, 1867, he married Margaret Watson. They first lived at Heber, then at Hooper in Weber County. Returning later to Heber for a time, he took up a homestead on Center Creek. Here he cleared and fenced a very good farm and built a house for his wife and family. He was the father of 11 children, most of them born on the farm.

They seemed to be prospering very well when, late in February, 1886, he contracted pneumonia.

All that possibly could be done was done in an effort to save his life, but he died March 4, 1886. His dear wife was so worn out from his sickness that she became ill from the same disease and died March 18, 1886, leaving a large family without a father or mother.

Joseph Thomas was a fine, strong, healthy man, a kind father and husband, jolly and good-natured, and was respected by all who knew him. He was very kind to his family.

His wife was a good helpmate and mother. She was born July 17, 1850, at Fifeshire, Scotland, daughter of James and Janet Campbell Watson. They were among the early settlers in Heber Valley.

Their children were: Joseph W., Agnes Irinda, Sarah Elizabeth, Janet Campbell, Margaret Elinor, Jessup W., Maude, John Ernest, and Harold.

### THOMPSON FAMILY



The ancestors of the Thompson family were born of English parents. George Thompson was born on April 7, 1798, at Hull, Yorkshire, England. He came to Utah in 1853. His wife, Jane Goldthrop, was born March 12, 1807, at Barsow, Lincolnshire, England. She came to Utah in 1856. George Thompson was a very religious man and was strong in his faith. He had the gift of speaking in tongues. George Thompson was drowned while fording Provo River.

William Thompson was born on December 19, 1829, at Hull, Yorkshire, England, son of George and Sarah Goldthrop Thompson, and he came to Utah with his father in 1853.

William married Sarah Fenn in 1856. She was born August 3, 1842, daughter of William and Sarah Fenn.

In 1859 they moved from Provo to Heber and lived about a year. He then went back to Provo, where he resided about two years, returning to Heber, where he remained the remainder of his life.

He was a mason by trade and also made adobes used for lining houses to make them warmer. He was an Indian war veteran.

William and his wife, Sarah, would go into the fields and gather straw that she used to make into beautiful hats. She was one of the first hat makers in Heber. The